

CONFIDENTIAL

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO.

25X1A

CD NO.

DATE DISTR 10 DEC 51

NO. OF PAGES 2

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)SUPPLEMENT TO 25X1X
REPORT NO.

COUNTRY Italy

SUBJECT Italian Communist Party
Activities in the Italian
Armed Forces

25X1A

RETURN TO CIA
LIBRARY

1. The Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) is attempting to recruit as many members as possible in the Italian armed forces. This task is being carried out in two different ways.
2. The first method is to contact all PCI members in the armed forces. This work is under the direction of the Federazione Giovanile Comunista Italiana (FGCI; Italian Communist Youth Federation) controlled by Silvano Peruzzi, Ugo Pecchioli, and Luigi Longo, who is a member of the PCI Directorate and the executive office of the FGCI. The FGCI keeps in contact with all youths who go into the armed forces and studies how to attract the new elements. Generally the PCI overlooks the officers and lets them make the first move to become affiliated with the Party.
3. The Ministry of Defense is trying to prevent Communist growth in the armed forces, but it cannot prevent the soldiers from attending the Communist-organized festivals.
4. The real purpose of the Communists is not to organize revolutionary forces in the armed forces, but to undermine the morale of the soldiers so that Randolfo Pacciardi and the Ministry of Defense will not have complete faith in the support of the armed forces. As a whole, according to the Communist journalist, Ruggiero Zangrandi, the Communist propaganda has been very successful, especially since the soldiers feel they are badly armed with old material. The greatest success has been achieved in the Marina Militare which has several active Communist officers.
5. The second method the Communists use deals with espionage and sabotage. One of the directors of this sector of work is Edoardo D'Onofrio. He was selected because he directed the clandestine center of the PCI in Italy until 1928 and has had a great deal of experience in this type of activity and knows many trusted elements on the lower levels.
6. This sector employs clandestine members only and deals exclusively with military-scientific intelligence. The Istituto di Fisica at the University of Rome, specializing in nuclear rays, is almost entirely composed of Communists. Enrico Fermi was a member of this

REFERENCE COPY

DO NOT CIRCULATE

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB	DISTRIBUTION	
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBI		

Document No. 06

No Change in Class. ☐

☐ Declassified

Class. Changed To: TS S ☒

Auth. HR 70-2

Date: 08/29/78 By: 227

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY~~

25X1A

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

-2-

Institute prior to his departure for the United States. The Institute is directed by Edoardo Amaldi, who has many dealings with Fermi. Amaldi also has contacts with Gilberto Bernardini at the Istituto di Fisica at the University of Bologna. The most serious aspect of this situation prevails in the laboratory for cosmic rays research under the direct control of the Istituto di Fisica of the University of Rome. Its directors are also members of the physics office of the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche.

7. The Communist office has an important plan to sabotage a possible Italian mobilization. They plan to arrange matters so that a large percentage of those to be mobilized will not receive their draft cards that are now prepared to be distributed. The cells in the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs are in full agreement. The sorting of the mail in the central post office in Rome is controlled by the Socialists and Communists. One of the directors is Bruno Berti, of Avanti, who is employed at the VI office of the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs. Berti is an active partisan, specializing in sabotage missions.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY~~